

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A method of joining a hairpiece to a lock of hair to provide a hair extension, said method comprising the steps of:

bringing together adjacent regions of the hairpiece and the lock of hair in contact with an adhesive curable by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, wherein said adhesive has been pre-applied to the adjacent region of the hairpiece, and

exposing said adhesive to UV radiation to cure said adhesive to thereby bond the hairpiece to the lock of hair.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, which further includes the step of clamping said adjacent regions of said hairpiece and said lock of hair in a tool, and then exposing said adhesive to said UV radiation to cure said adhesive.

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive is cured using a process which does not require a significant input of thermal energy.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A tool for the attachment of a hairpiece to a lock of hair using an adhesive curable by exposure to UV radiation, said tool comprising clamp means for clamping together in use, in abutting or overlapping fashion adjacent end regions of the lock of hair and the hairpiece, and means for directing UV radiation at said abutting or overlapping adjacent end regions.

8. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 7, wherein said tool includes two jaw members mounted for relative hinging movement.

9. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 8, wherein at least one facing surface of the two jaw members includes a groove or a profiled guide region for isolating said lock of hair.

10. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 8, including a switch for actuating a source of UV radiation, said switch being disposed to be closed when said jaw members are hinged towards each other.

11. (previously presented) A hairpiece having an amount of UV curable adhesive material provided on a bonding region thereof, at an end region of said hairpiece.

12. (previously presented) A kit comprising at least one said hairpiece as claimed in Claim 11, in combination with the tool of Claim 7.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 9, including a switch for actuating a source of UV radiation, said switch being disposed to be closed when said jaw members are hinged towards each other.

16. (new) A method of joining a hairpiece to a lock of hair to provide a hair extension, comprising the steps of:

bringing together adjacent regions of the hairpiece and the lock of hair in contact with an adhesive curable by exposure to ultra-violet light (UV) radiation, wherein said adhesive has been pre-applied to the adjacent region of the hairpiece, and

exposing said adhesive to UV radiation to cure said adhesive to thereby bond the hairpiece to the lock of hair, and wherein the method further includes the step of clamping said adjacent regions of said hairpiece and said lock of hair in a tool, and then exposing said adhesive to said UV radiation to cure said adhesive, said curing using a process which does not input significant thermal energy.

17. (new) A tool for the attachment of a hairpiece to a lock of hair using an adhesive curable by exposure to UV radiation, said tool comprising:

a clamp member for clamping together in use, in abutting or over-lapping fashion adjacent regions of the lock of hair and the hairpiece;

a UV radiation director, directing UV radiation at said abutting or overlapping adjacent end regions;

two tool jaw members mounted to a relative hinging movement, and wherein at least one facing surface of the two jaw

members includes a groove or a profiled region for isolating said lock of hair; and

a switch for actuating a source of UV radiation, said switch being disposed to be closed when said jaw members are hinged towards each other.